

Vaccine Freezer Setup

Storing Vaccines

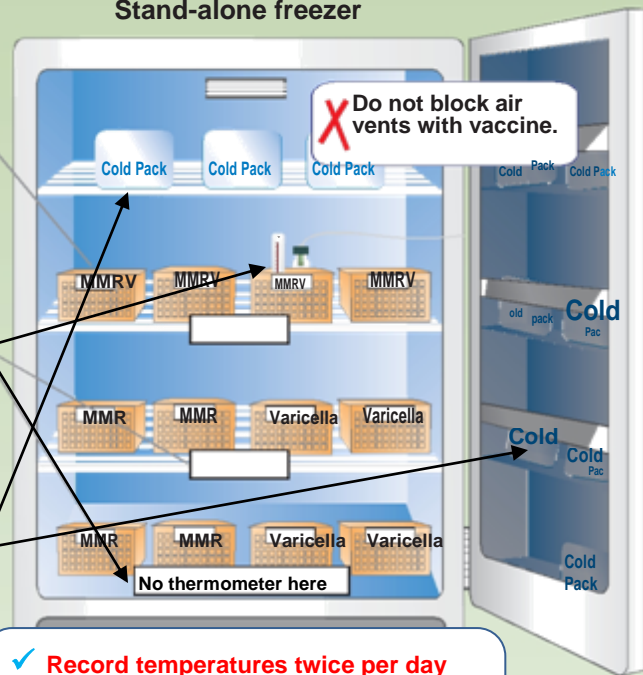
Carefully organizing vaccines in a freezer helps protect vaccine and facilitates vaccine inventory management.

Stand-alone freezer

✓ Place vaccine in breathable plastic mesh baskets and clearly label baskets by type of vaccine.

✓ Place thermometer in the center of the freezer away from walls, floor and fan.

✓ Use buffers to stabilize freezer temperature (i.e. cold packs).



✓ Record temperatures twice per day

✓ Keep vaccines with shorter expiration dates to front of shelf.

If you have vaccine that will expire in 3 months or less that you will not be able to use, notify USAMMA, local RA, or pharmacy.



✓ Keep temperatures 5°F or colder.

Aim for 0°F and below

Colder is better.



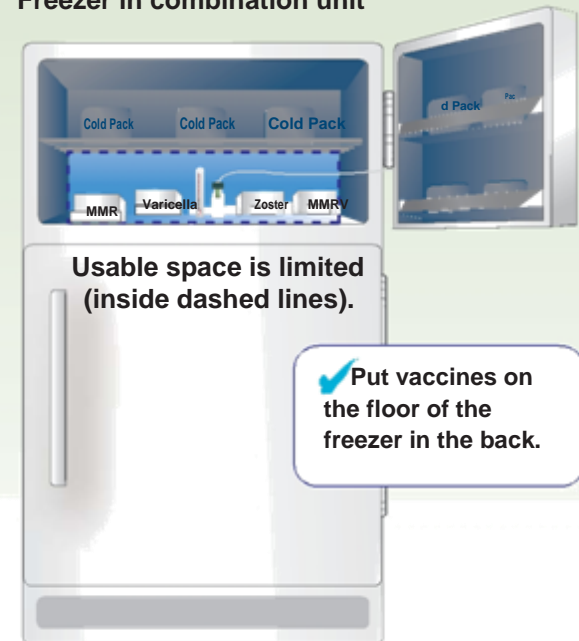
Chest freezer



✓ Keep vaccines with shorter expiration dates on top.

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Freezer in combination unit



Usable space is limited (inside dashed lines).

✓ Put vaccines on the floor of the freezer in the back.

If you have any problems with your freezer, keep the freezer door shut and notify your medical equipment repair office.

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